

City of Cedartown Commission
201 East Avenue – Commission Chamber
WORK SESSION AGENDA
AUGUST 4, 2014

I. WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

WORK SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. GEORGIA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING – MGR**
- B. REVIEW OF PANHANDLERS ORDINANCE – MGR**
- C. DISCUSSION OF SENIOR CENTER RENTAL - MGR**

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. LEGAL MATTERS**
- B. REAL ESTATE MATTERS**
- C. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

III. ADJOURN

About Us

The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing, launched in November 2004, offers communities a three-year program of collaboration and technical assistance.

The objective of the Initiative is to help communities create and launch a locally based plan to meet their housing and neighborhood revitalization needs. The Initiative grew out of Georgia's experience with the National League of Cities' Affordable Housing Program and the success stories that were celebrated at the annual Magnolia Awards for Excellence

(<http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/HousingDevelopment/MagnoliaAwards/index.asp>) in Affordable Housing.

Participating communities will:

- Create a community housing team
- Develop new ideas about meeting local housing needs and enhancing community development
- Learn about approaches and available resources to improve the housing stock
- Produce a community housing plan
- Begin implementation of their plan

Readily available housing and neighborhood revitalization technical assistance and expertise provided to (1) help communities identify needs, (2) develop a plan for meeting their objectives, and (3) enhance local understanding of funding programs. Printable GICH Brochure

(<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/docs/GICHbrochure2014web.pdf>).

Participating Communities

- 2014 - Albany, Douglasville, Perry, Porterdale, Rincon
- 2013 - Dalton, Greensboro, Lithonia, Pembroke, Roswell
- 2012 - Harlem, Gainesville, Garden City, Wadley, Warner Robins

Partners



The University of Georgia

Public Service & Outreach

Founding Sponsor

Sample Ordinances in reference to Panhandling:

Decatur, Ga:

Aggressive panhandling prohibited.

(a)

Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

After dark means any time from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

Aggressive panhandling shall mean:

(1)

Approaching or speaking to a person, or following a person before, during or after soliciting, in a manner that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm to oneself, or damage to or loss of property in one's immediate possession; or

(2)

Soliciting from a person who is waiting in line for entry to a building or for another purpose; or

(3)

Soliciting from a person who is eating, drinking, dining or sitting at a table in an outdoor dining area; or

(4)

Continuing to solicit from a person after the person has given a negative response to an initial solicitation; or

(5)

Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person without that person's consent in the course of soliciting; or

(6)

Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact with the person soliciting; or

(7)

Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person being solicited; or

(8)

Speaking in an unreasonably loud volume under the circumstances or using profane or abusive language, either during a solicitation or after a refusal;

Automated teller machine shall mean a device, linked to a financial institution's account records, which is able to carry out transactions, including, but not limited to: account transfers, deposits, cash withdrawals, balance inquiries, and mortgage and loan payments.

Outdoor dining area means an outdoor dining area of a restaurant or other establishment serving food for immediate consumption.

Public place shall mean streets, highways, and roadways (including shoulders and medians), sidewalks, alleys, parking lots, plazas, parks, playgrounds, schools, transportation facilities and other public property, including city-owned property and any other property where public gatherings occur on a regular basis and/or where public meetings are conducted, such as schools, libraries, and places of worship.

Soliciting shall mean asking in person for money or objects of value, with the intention that the money or object to be transferred at that time, and at that place. Soliciting shall include using the spoken, written, or printed word, bodily gestures, signs, or other means with the purpose of obtaining an immediate donation of money or other thing of value or soliciting the sale of goods or services.

(b)

Prohibited acts. It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the city to violate any of the following subsections of this section:

(1)

No person shall engage in aggressive panhandling in any public place.

(2)

No person shall solicit on private property if the owner or other person lawfully in possession of such property has notified the person that they are not allowed to solicit on the property.

(3)

No person shall solicit within 20 feet of any automated teller machine or an entrance or exit of any bank or financial institution.

(4)

No person shall solicit an operator or passenger of a motor vehicle while such persons are operating or occupying a motor vehicle; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to persons soliciting other occupants of a vehicle in which the solicitor is lawfully traveling or to services rendered in connection with emergency repairs requested by the operator or passengers of such vehicle.

(5)

No person shall solicit while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

(6)

No person shall solicit in a group of two or more persons.

(7)

No person shall solicit within six feet of an entrance to a building.

(8)

No person shall solicit within 20 feet of an outdoor dining area.

(9)

No person shall solicit in any public place after dark.

(c)

Penalties. Any person guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in section 1-12

Fairburn, Ga:

Any person who shall frequent any public place with intent to obtain money from other persons by illegal and fraudulent schemes, artifices or devices;

Any person who assembles for the purpose of engaging in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick to obtain any valuable thing in any place or from any person in the city or who shall aid or abet therein

Gainesville, Ga:

Frequents any public place with intent to obtain money from other persons by illegal and fraudulent schemes, tricks, artifices or devices; or

Assembles for the purpose of engaging in any fraudulent scheme, devise or trick to obtain any valuable thing in any place or from any person in the city, or who shall aid and abet therein; or

Hampton, Ga:

Sec. 54-101. Aggressive panhandling.

(a)

Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Aggressive panhandling means and includes: